



The Fifth Foresight Conference on Molecular Nanotechnology

November 5-8, 1997; Palo Alto, CA

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- <http://nanosoft.simplenet.com/nanovid.htm>: it is now possible to watch videos over the Web of two talks from the Conference. At this site, you can use your computer to watch Ralph Merkle's introduction to the Conference and Richard Smalley's keynote address. There are two versions of each speech: a 28.8 version for modem users and an ISDN version for those with faster connections. Instructions for programs needed to watch the video are available at the above url.

- The Next Conference

The Sixth Foresight Conference on Molecular Nanotechnology will be held November 13-15 1998, at the Westin Hotel in Santa Clara, CA. The Tutorial will be on November 12, 1998. Information is available on the web at <http://www.foresight.org/Conferences/MNT6/index.html>.

- Video tapes

Video tapes of the conference are available from [Sound Photosynthesis](#), POB 2111 Mill Valley, CA 94942-2111, USA; 1-415-332-1533; faustin@sound.photosynthesis.com. Sound Photosynthesis also offers a [Richard Feynman page](#), where the videotape of Feynman's lecture "tiny machines" about nanotechnology appears.

The 1997 Conference Archive

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• General

The conference began with a reception the evening of Nov. 5. It was a multidisciplinary meeting on molecular nanotechnology, that is, thorough three-dimensional structural control of materials and devices at the molecular level. Attendees included chemists, materials scientists, physicists, engineers, computer scientists and others interested in learning about the field and participating in its development.

- The keynote speaker was **Richard Smalley**, 1996 Nobel Prize for Chemistry.
- An intensive Tutorial on Critical Enabling Technologies for Nanotechnology was available prior to the conference reception.
- The Abstracts for Talks and Posters presented at the conference are available. Index of full papers is also available.
- The previous conference provides an example of the activities and purposes of the Foresight conference series.
- The next conference in this series will be held next year, not in two years as previously. The Sixth Foresight Conference on Molecular Nanotechonology will be held on November 13,14,15, 1998 at the Westin Hotel in Santa Clara, CA. The Tutorial will be on November 12, 1998.

• Topics Covered

This conference was a meeting of scientists and technologists working in fields leading toward molecular nanotechnology: thorough three-dimensional structural control of materials and devices at the molecular level. The conference covered topics relevant to the pursuit of molecular control:

- supramolecular chemistry and self-assembly
- proximal probes (e.g. STM, AFM)
- biochemistry and protein engineering
- computational chemistry and molecular modeling
- computer science (e.g. computational models, system design issues)

- fullerene nanotechnology
- natural molecular machines (e.g. flagellar motor)
- materials science
- mechanical engineering (CAD) and robotics

• Invited Speakers:

Richard Smalley (keynote)

(1996 Nobel Prize for Chemistry)
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James Gimzewski (also)

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(1995 Feynman Conference Prize Winner)
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Zyvex is the first research and development company focused on developing an assembler for molecular nanotechnology. Started in April 1997, and headquartered in Richardson Texas, the company has hired its initial researchers and is building a lab capable of the task it has set itself. In spite of being a small company, with less than \$20M in funding, Zyvex plans to achieve its goal in less than 10 years.

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• Abstracts and Papers

Dates:

Monday June 30: Abstracts were Due

Wednesday July 30: Notification of Acceptance

Tuesday September 30: Final Papers Due

Abstracts:

The **Abstracts for Talks and Posters** presented at the conference are available.

Publication of papers

Papers will be refereed and those accepted for publication will be published in a special issue of the journal *Nanotechnology*. Al Globus and Deepak Srivastava will serve as guest editors for this issue. Sample articles published in *Nanotechnology* have been made available on the Web by Ralph Merkle.

All papers must be submitted in HTML.

All papers accepted for the conference will be made available on the web, linked from the conference page. For those papers accepted for publication, the web version will also act as a pre-print.

Index of full papers. Each full paper is also linked from the respective abstract.

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